

in its current divided condition Congress cannot do so alone. Ultimately, it will require the active assistance of the rightful owners of the Constitution, the American people.

How ironic it would be if the liberties of this Nation, heroically defended by the sacrifices of nine generations of Americans on far-off battlefields, might someday be carelessly thrown away here at home.

Let that not be said of our generation. Let it be said instead that just when our Constitution seemed most in peril, this generation rose up, insisted on absolute fidelity to the Constitution by those it elected, and then went on to revive, restore, and preserve that Constitution for the many generations of Americans who followed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Once again we come to You to ask wisdom, patience, peace, and understanding for the Members of this people's House.

Give them the generosity of heart and the courage of true leadership to work toward a common solution to the many issues facing our Nation.

As true statesmen and -women, may they find the fortitude to make judgments to benefit all Americans in their time of need.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. JENKINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. JENKINS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MARY COTHRAN: AN ADVOCATE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the President has broken multiple promises to the American people. Constituents living in South Carolina's Second Congressional District have lost their coverage and access to doctors because of the President's health care takeover, which destroys jobs. And now citizens are seeing massive premium increases.

James from Lexington says:

My son got a letter from his employer informing him that his health insurance would increase \$179 per month, 52 percent more than he is presently paying. He is a plumber and his wife works as a home health aide. Now their dream of home ownership is highly unlikely.

Mary Cothran of Williston was tireless promoting limited government and advocating alternatives to ObamaCare. Congress should work together to replace it with reforms such as those introduced by Congressman Dr. TOM PRICE which have been ignored by the media, which is failing to fulfill its First Amendment opportunities.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WE NEED A PRO-BUSINESS POLICY

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, last month the President and CEO of FedEx Freight spoke at a conference for the National Industrial Transportation League. He warned that our Nation's roads, highways, and bridges weren't equipped to handle current or future needs.

The American Society of Civil Engineers reports that there are 69,000 structurally deficient bridges in this country—meaning that every second of every day, seven cars are driving over a bridge that is structurally deficient—and that \$3.6 trillion will be needed by 2020 to address our aging infrastructure. Despite this, the most recent transportation bill passed by Congress spends a pathetically weak \$52 billion a year on infrastructure.

Companies like FedEx understand the long-term benefits of efficient transportation of people and goods. The United States Chamber of Commerce estimates that we will experi-

ence \$336 billion in lost growth over the next 5 years due to inadequate infrastructure.

I urge my colleagues to understand that a robust infrastructure investment not only creates jobs but promotes pro-business policies that sustain and produce economic growth.

WHEN WILL THE DEMOCRATS START LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the American people work hard, and they have got a right to expect their elected Representatives to do the same. House Republicans are listening. To date, the House has passed nearly 150 bills this Congress that the United States Senate has failed to act on. Many of them would help our economy and boost job creation.

Nearly 150 bills passed by this House have yet to be acted on by the Senate. These bills would do things like increase the supply of American energy and build the Keystone pipeline, roll back red tape and unnecessary regulations, provide for flexibility to working families, reform and improve job training programs, protect Americans from cyberattacks, help schools to recruit and keep the best teachers, delay the individual mandate and allow the American people to keep the health care plans that they would like, or to scrap the health care law that is wreaking havoc on our economy. Every single one of these bills has been blocked by Washington Democrats. The Senate and the President continue to stand in the way of the people's priorities.

Now we are trying to come to an agreement on the budget and on the farm bill, amongst other issues that are in conference. Chairman RYAN and Chairman LUCAS have made serious good faith efforts to Senate Democrats. When will they learn to say 'yes' to common ground? When will they start listening to the American people?

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOURO SYNAGOGUE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 250th anniversary of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, the oldest synagogue in America. Dedicated in 1763, the Touro Synagogue has been a monument to the history of religious tolerance in Rhode Island and the legacy of religious freedom in America.

Before construction even began, the design of the building was conceived as a balance between European architecture and traditional Jewish worship. This synagogue became a symbol of the freedom to worship in peace widely